

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Richard Polley on May 20, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 1, delete "A method", and insert --- A processor-aided method ---.

Claim 1, line 16, delete "determining", and insert --- determining, with a processor, ---.

Claim 1, line 22, delete "determining", and insert --- determining, with a processor, ---.

Claim 11, line 1, delete "A method", and insert --- A processor-aided method ---.

Claim 11, line 6, delete "determining", and insert --- determining, with a processor, ---.

Claim 25, line 1, delete "A method", and insert --- A processor-aided method ---.

Claim 25, line 10, delete "determining", and insert --- determining, with a processor, ---.

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Claim 25, line 16, delete “determining”, and insert --- determining, with a processor, ---.

Claim 29, line 1, delete “A method”, and insert --- A processor-aided method ---.

Claim 29, line 9, delete “determining”, and insert --- determining, with a processor, ---.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NIGEL FONTENOT whose telephone number is (571)270-7032. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (7:00a-4:00p).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Long Le can be reached on 571-272-0823. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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